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QUEENS AND KINGS

On exhibition at Miami Beach City Hall,
4th Floor Public Gallery
1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

Exhibition opens June 1- July 17, 2006

MIAMI BEACH --- (May 4, 2006) --- ArtCenter/South Florida curates exhibition for Gay Pride Month ***Queens and Kings***, on view at the Miami Beach City Hall 4th Floor Public Gallery, Thursday, June 1, 2006.

Drag queens and drag kings have for years been recognized as the outlandish gender-benders of Gay lifestyle- and are often the most extroverted and obviously recognizable icons of gay culture. The same way the King and Queen rules a kingdom, these gay icons serve as powerful figures often associated with gay rights and free speech, and are celebrated as the voices of the gay community.

In the spirit of celebrating the significant role these people play "Queens and Kings" is an exhibition that explores the iconography of these characters. This is a salon style exhibition that celebrates, provokes and titillates- a barrage of uplifting images. Painting, photography - anything goes.

Featuring ArtCenter Artists-in-Residence, Lazaro Amaral, Alex Heria, George Le Bar, Chris Vazquez and Patrick De Castro, ArtCenter staff member Rolando Torres and guest artist Ivan Molina. Curated by ACSF Director of Exhibitions, Claire Breukel.



Georges with a Pearl Earring,
ACSF Artist-in-Residence,
Georges Le Bar, 2006.

Miami Beach City Hall, 4th Floor Gallery Hours

4th Floor Public Gallery

1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, Florida.

Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

ArtCenter/South Florida Hours

800, 810 and 924 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida 33139

Monday – Wednesday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Thursday - Sunday from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm.

Admission is free.

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